

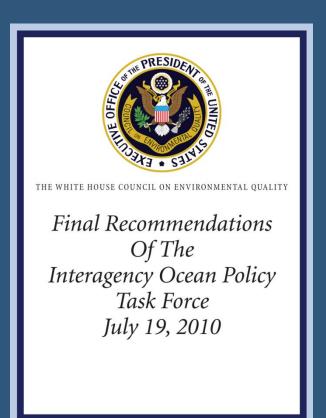
Council Coordination Committee

Administration Activities on Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning & National Ocean Council -- Update

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National Ocean Policy - Update



National Ocean Council

9 National Priority Objectives

 Framework for Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning (CMSP)



CMSP: A Regional Planning Process

Regional Planning Bodies

CMSP Process

CMS Plan

State, Tribal, and ederal representatives with authorities relevant to CMSP

Coordination/Engagement

- Local Authorities
- Indigenous Community Reps

Engagement

- Stakeholders
- Scientists & Technical Experts
- Public

New: Regional Fishery Management Councils



Formation of Regional Planning Bodies

When

• Invitation letters and guidance on membership being sent to governors and tribes on a tiered basis (NE, Mid-Atlantic in March/April; other regions later)

Membership

- Federal, State, and Tribal Representation
- Each RPB will have Federal, State, and Tribal co-leads
- Representation from fishery councils approved

What

- Each RPB will prepare a CMS Plan for their region
- CMSP Process will be stakeholder-informed
- CMSP will be science-based



National Ocean Policy: Progress

NOP Implementation Plan drafted

 Released for public comment from January – March 2012; target final draft by end of May 2012

NE Regional Ocean Planning Workshop March 2012

 The Northeast Regional Ocean Council convened 200 ocean industry members, government agencies (federal, state, tribal, local), academics and non-profit organizations to discuss the opportunities and challenges of regional ocean planning in New England waters.

Pacific Northwest Policy Workshop April 2012

 NOP Workshop for 1.5 days in Seattle, sponsored by NGOs on how can the PNW work together to assist in implementing the NOP on the West Coast.



Ecosystem Science – A Council and NOP Shared Vision

- Important habitats, assemblages and populations
- Key oceanographic and ecological processes
- Linkages and connectivity among areas
- Provision of ecosystem services
- Cumulative impacts
- Vulnerability and thresholds





Recent NOP Changes

- New NOC Director appointed Deerin Babb-Brott
- Regional Planning Bodies –NOC completing guidance, release expected soon
- NOAA Leadership changes— Eric Schwaab, NOAA's rep to NOC Deputies Committee
- NOAA CMSP efforts no specific funding; budget reductions across much of NOAA



Regional Ocean Partnership Grants

- FY11 ROP Grants
 - •\$6.18 million was awarded through 9 grants
 - •Two categories of activities were supported:
 - 1) implementation of a regional ocean partnership priorities, with a focus on marine planning activities, and
 - 2) support for development and operations for Regional Ocean Partnerships (ROP).
- FY 12 funding announcement pending



FY11 Regional Ocean Partnership Grants: Projects Selected for Funding

Northeast

 Develop first stage regional ocean plan

Mid-Atlantic Region

Enhance MARCO

Alaska

Stakeholder – driven

South Atlantic

 Regional alliance and framework for regional planning

Caribbean

Development of a new ROP

Gulf of Mexico

Continue work on GOMA
Priority Issues

Hawaii

 Stakeholder engagement and develop sub-ROP

Pacific Islands

Development of a new ROP



Questions?